

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3503
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2000
TELEPHONE CONNECTION IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set and achievement made for telephone connections provided in rural and urban areas of Tamil Nadu during the Eighth Five Year Plan, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government have achieved the target;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in the State at present, district-wise;
- (f) the number of telephone connections provided in the State during the last three years and till date, district-wise;
- g) the number of telephone connections proposed to be provided during the current financial year; and
- h) the time by which the remaining connections are likely to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d) The Government has achieved the target set for new telephone connections in Tamil Nadu State during Eighth Five Year Plan. The Circle-wise and year-wise targets for urban and rural areas are not fixed separately as it depends upon demand for telephone. A total target of Direct Exchange Lines is fixed for the State which includes both rural and urban places.

The year-wise target and achievement of new telephone connections during Eighth Five Year Plan for Tamil Nadu State are given below:

YEAR TARGET ACHIEVEMENT

	URBAN+RURAL	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL
1992-93	51000	52384	10911	63295
1993-94	96700	82190	11926	94116
1994-95	129000	138986	10913	149899
1995-96	175000	185957	21495	207452
1996-97	263000	265536	24546	290082

TOTAL 714700 725053 79791 804844

- (e) Districtwise waiting list for telephone connections as on 31.7.2000 in the State is given in Annexure-I.
- (f) The telephone connections provided during last three years and upto July-2000 (Yearwise) are given in Annexure-II.
- (g) 7,00,000 new telephone connections are proposed to be provided during the current financial year.
- (h) The remaining connections are likely to be provided progressively by 31.3.2002 in Tamil Nadu Circle and by 31.3.2001 in Chennai Telephone District.

ANNEXURE-I
DISTRICT-WISE WAITING LIST AS ON 31-7-2000 IN TAMIL NADU STATE

SL.NO. NAME OF DISTRICT WAITING LIST

1	COIMBATORE	65324
2	CUDDALORE	27556
3	DHARMAPURI	24696
4	DINDIGUL	18958
5	ERODE	21553
6	KANCHEEPURAM	24491
7	KARUR	8764
8	MADURAI	22535
9	NAGAPATTINAM	17150
10	KANYAKUMARI	14249
11	NAMAKKAL	12548
12	PERAMBALUR	10641
13	PUDUKKOTTAI	12703
14	RAMANATHAPURAM	8924
15	SALEM	24491
16	SIVAGANGA	10688
17	THANJAVUR	18789
18	THE NILGIRIS	7891
19	THENI	7041
20	THIRUVARUR	13773
21	TIRUNELVELI	11660
22	TIRUVANNAMALAI	19086
23	TIRUVELLORE	13590
24	TRICHY	20177
25	TUTICORIN	13915
26	VELLORE	38966
27	VILLUPURAM	23337
28	VIRUDHUNAGAR	16560
29	PONDICHERRY	22562
30	CHENNAI	82127

TOTAL 634745

ANNEXURE-II

DISTRICT-WISE TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS PROVIDED DURING LAST THREE YEARS UP TO JULY-2000 IN TAMIL NADU STATE

SL.NO. NAME OF DISTRICT 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000 UPTO JULY-2000

1	COIMBATORE	39101	34034	51251	8470
2	CUDDALORE	11744	15858	9568	628
3	DHARMAPURI	10548	15021	16180	2718
4	DINDIGUL	9742	8097	9849	2505
5	ERODE	16740	25139	23504	4362
6	KANCHEEPURAM	8798	7751	7011	1726
7	KARUR	8419	8029	9382	2152
8	MADURAI	17662	21032	19601	5272
9	NAGAPATTINAM	5619	8945	11941	1669
10	KANYAKUMARI	12010	13013	13016	2690
11	NAMAKKAL	12556	13527	17456	3925
12	PERAMBALUR	2677	2862	4922	992
13	PUDUKKOTTAI	3993	6347	6974	2394
14	RAMANATHAPURAM	3981	6263	8490	2540
15	SALEM	18678	26478	27049	5394
16	SIVAGANGA	5354	6238	6661	2331
17	THANJAVUR	8986	20530	23760	4533
18	THE NILGIRIS	4047	4292	7012	1357
19	THENI	3830	7368	4856	1102
20	THIRUVARUR	2653	6321	8392	1647
21	TIRUNELVELI	11045	15200	15020	4289
22	TIRUVANNAMALAI	3326	5114	5567	754
23	TIRUVELLORE	5216	5252	4334	1355
24	TRICHY	17697	20428	25924	5465
25	TUTICORIN	8875	11008	14567	2506
26	VELLORE	12527	17993	21008	1512
27	VILLUPURAM	6519	5447	7987	774
28	VIRUDHUNAGAR	5555	10002	11592	1416
29	PONDICHERRY	6480	10020	10678	2959
30	CHENNAI	80168	122629	142618	35594

TOTAL 364546 480238 546170 115031